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NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal for entry of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) into the seed business;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of infrastructure set up by NAFED for seed business; and

(d) the details of the targets fixed by the NAFED in this regard during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): NAFED has initiated seed business through the process of seed production and marketing activities since 1996. Besides, Government has also included NAFED in the list of approved institutions eligible for seed production, marketing and other subsidies under the Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize (ISOPOM) w.e.f. 21.08.2007 during the current year.

(c): NAFED is undertaking seed production through contract farming mode in Uttrakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Goa and is in the process of extending it to other States like Gujarat and Rajasthan. NAFED has two plants one each in Maharashtra and Uttrakhand for seed processing, grading and packing and is in the process of setting up two plants in Madhya Pradesh.

(d): NAFED has fixed Rs.69 crore target for seed business during the current financial year.